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(54) Title: **OXAZOLIDINONE DERIVATIVES AS ANTIBACTERIAL AGENTS**

(57) **Abstract:** A compound of the formula (I), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, or in-vivo hydrolysable ester thereof: formula (I) wherein C is selected from D and E, formula (D), formula (E) R_{2a}, R_{4a}, and R_{3a} are independently selected from for example H, CF₃, Me and Et; R_{2b} and R_{4b} are independently selected from for example H, F, CF₃, Me and Et; R_{1b} is for example acetamido; R₄ is for example an optionally substituted 5- or 6- membered heterocyclic ring system. Methods for making compounds of the formula (I), compositions containing them and their use as antibacterial agents are also described.



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